

Water Quality - Silt Control Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Committee members in attendance: Clark Adams, Ken Erdman, Timothy James, Gary Kershaw, Mike Marine, Karyn Niin Kitigade

Dave Bolha DNR - and Pat Kilbey - County Conservationist shared a lot of important information at today's meeting. Pat brought two large maps that showed the Buffalo Lake Watershed. The watershed is land which channels rain, snow melt, and runoff, into the water. The Buffalo Lake watershed is 440 square miles.

Dave explained Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies to us. The study shows the amount of pollutants that are entering a body of water. He also told us about "9 Key Element Plans". This is a plan we would need to develop in order to get grants to help with Buffalo Lake Restoration work. There are grants available to help fund the creation of a plan for Buffalo Lake.

Dave will attend our next meeting and bring information about the TMDL study for Buffalo Lake and "9 Key Element Plans".

Pat Kilbey is very knowledgeable about our watershed. He works with area farmers and he discussed the importance of working with the farmers. We all agreed that this is imperative. The "9 Key Element Plan" is something that Pat could help us create.

Pat said that there are other lakes in our watershed that have formed committees to look at the same issues we are having on Buffalo Lake. He suggested that at some point in time we meet and collaborate efforts with them. After we have a plan and course of action in place, we will do that.

It was a very productive meeting and we left knowing that.....

We can make a difference

Next meeting date will be determined by the availability of Dave and Pat.

Minutes submitted by Karyn Niin Kitigade